
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE FINALIZATION OF MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING AND
OTHER ACTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF DIVERSIFYING SOURCES OF
IRRIGATION IN CENTRAL OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, on September 1, 2016, the Governor set a goal to
2 double local food production by 2020; and
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4 WHEREAS, the transition from pineapple and sugar cane to
5 diversified agriculture will require diverse sources of
6 irrigation; and
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8 WHEREAS, the State has purchased thousands of acres of
9 former pineapple land in Central Oahu to increase local food
10 production; and
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12 WHEREAS, many former pineapple lands do not have sufficient
13 irrigation infrastructure or water; and
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15 WHEREAS, recycled water is a quality source for irrigating
16 agricultural lands and can be used for the irrigation of food
17 crops where the recycled water comes into contact with the
18 edible portion of the crop, including all root crops; and
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20 WHEREAS, the State is working with the City and County of
21 Honolulu and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to divert the
22 1,600,000 gallons of R-1 water from the Wahiawa Wastewater
23 Treatment Plant so local farmers have another source of
24 irrigation water; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation must
27 finalize a memorandum of understanding with the City and County
28 of Honolulu to divert the R-1 water from the Wahiawa Wastewater
29 Treatment Plant; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation must
2 finalize a memorandum of understanding with the Office of
3 Hawaiian Affairs to provide the Agribusiness Development
4 Corporation with an easement; and
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6 WHEREAS, this would be the second project in the State to
7 utilize recycled water for agricultural uses; and
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9 WHEREAS, currently, the treated R-1 water is being dumped
10 into the Wahiawa Reservoir; and
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12 WHEREAS, the public perception of the Wahiawa Reservoir is
13 negative due to the effluent outfall from the Wahiawa Wastewater
14 Treatment Plant; and
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16 WHEREAS, diverting recycled water from the Wahiawa
17 Wastewater Treatment Plant provides opportunities to revitalize
18 and reactivate areas in and around the Wahiawa Freshwater State
19 Recreation Area; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources State
22 Parks Division is developing a master plan to increase
23 activities and facilities at the Wahiawa Freshwater State
24 Recreation Area that include bass fishing tournaments, Frisbee
25 golf, park golf, and walking paths; and
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27 WHEREAS, diverting the R-1 water to support local food
28 production and revitalize the Wahiawa Reservoir will create
29 economic development for the town; and
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31 WHEREAS, reusing recycled water is in the public interest
32 and has benefits for the health, safety, and general welfare of
33 the State; now, therefore,
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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
36 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
37 Representatives concurring, that the City and County of Honolulu
38 and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs are requested to finalize
39 memorandums of understanding with the Agribusiness Development
40 Corporation for purposes of diversifying sources of irrigation;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
2 is requested to finalize a memorandum of understanding with the
3 Agribusiness Development Corporation to divert R-1 water from
4 the Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agribusiness Development
7 Corporation is requested to finalize the route of its
8 transmission line from the Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant;
9 and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agribusiness Development
12 Corporation and Office of Hawaiian Affairs are encouraged to
13 finalize easement discussions, if appropriate; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
17 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
18 Affairs, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development
19 Corporation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and
20 Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council.

